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One morning, deep in the African jungle, a gorilla named Kala was walking toward the feeding grounds. Kala had just lost her baby. She felt sad and all alone. Then suddenly...

“Waaah!”

She heard a noise. A baby noise! Kala followed it to a tree house.

“Waaah!”

The crying came from inside. Curious, Kala entered.



There she found a human baby. Kala had never seen one before. It looked funny. Kala sniffed. It smelled funny. It didn't even have fur! But it was sad and all alone.





Kala gently picked the baby boy up. He stopped crying. She cradled him in her arms, and he smiled. Kala's heart filled with love.

ROAR!

It was Sabor the leopard! Kala clutched the helpless babe and ran out.





She had to escape! But how? Kala saw a boat attached to a rope. Desperate, she jumped in.



Whump! The boat fell safely to the ground below.

Sabor tried to follow but got tangled in the cord.

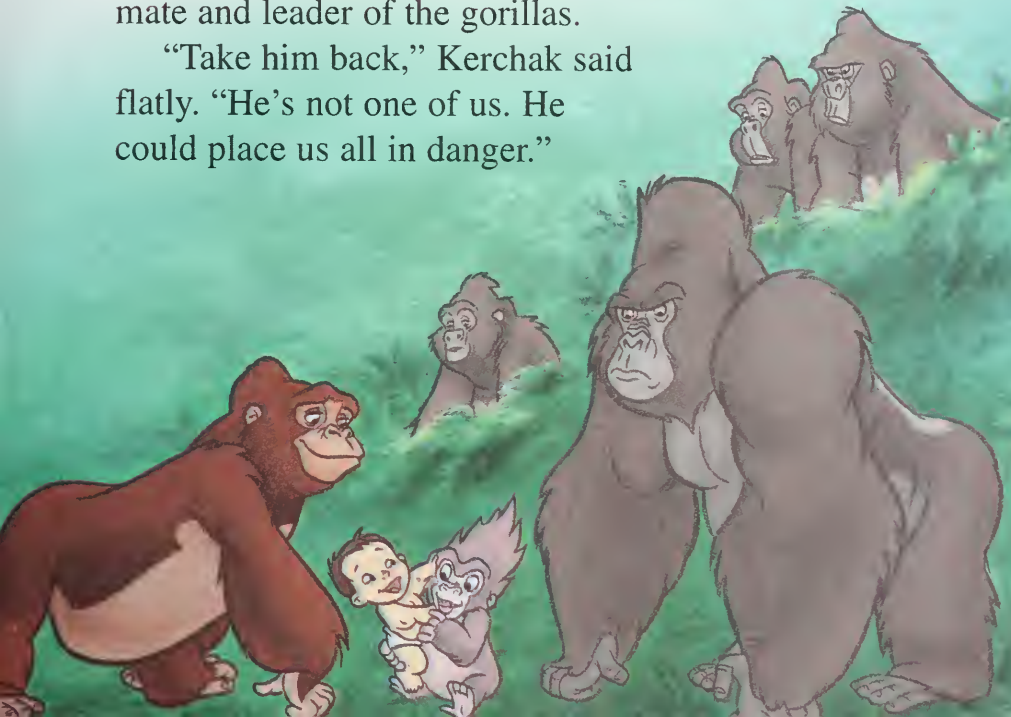
A large brown gorilla is shown from the chest up, holding a small baby in its arms. The gorilla has a friendly expression, with its mouth open in a smile. The baby is looking up at the gorilla. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a jungle setting.

Kala brought the baby
to her family.

“It’s freaky-looking!”
laughed a young gorilla
named Terk, “but it’s kind
of cute!”

But Kerchak did not agree. Kerchak was Kala’s
mate and leader of the gorillas.

“Take him back,” Kerchak said
flatly. “He’s not one of us. He
could place us all in danger.”





Kala refused. The baby needed her, and she needed him.

“You will be my son,” she said to the smiling child, “and your name will be Tarzan.”



Five years passed. Tarzan grew strong and active.
A little too active!
Sometimes his high spirits got him into trouble.



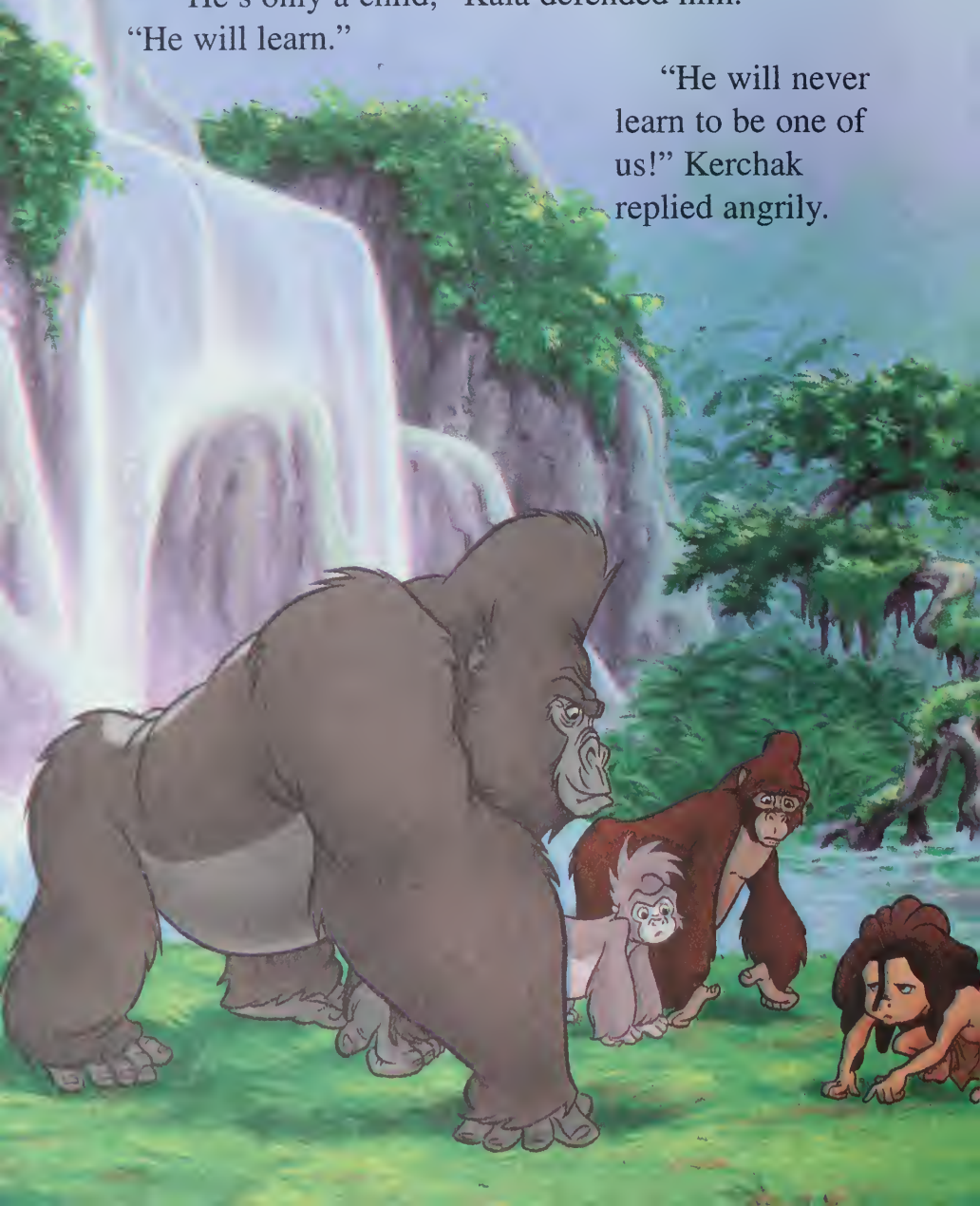
One day Tarzan got into serious trouble.
He accidentally caused an elephant stampede.
Kerchak was furious!

“You almost hurt someone!” Kerchak scolded.

“He’s only a child,” Kala defended him.

“He will learn.”

“He will never
learn to be one of
us!” Kerchak
replied angrily.





Kerchak's words hurt Tarzan.

"Why am I different?" Tarzan asked sadly.

"You're not different," Kala replied.

She put Tarzan's hand to his heart,
and his ear to her chest.

Tarzan felt their hearts
beat together.

"See?" Kala said,
smiling. "Exactly the
same. Kerchak
just can't see that."

"I'll make him!"

Tarzan cried.

"I'll be the
best ape ever!"





Years went by. Tarzan became a strong, young adult. One day he was wrestling with Terk.

“Okay! Okay! You win!” Terk cried. “Let go!”

The friends were having fun. They heard a ROAR!

It was Sabor! The leopard chased them back to the feeding grounds.

Kerchak fought to protect his family but was badly wounded.

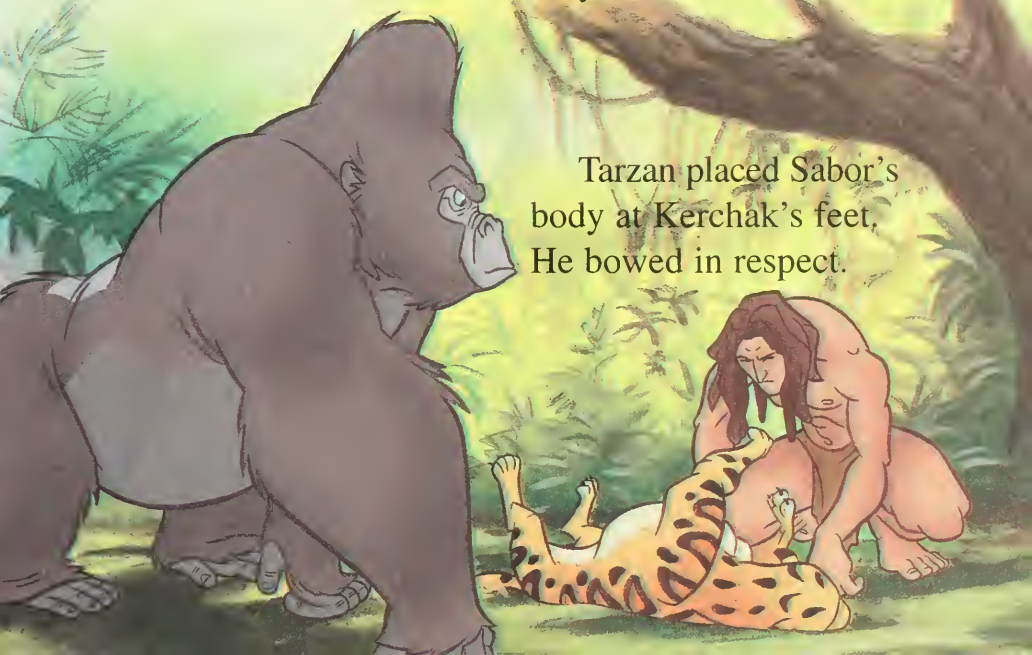




Tarzan leaped to the rescue! He defeated Sabor with his trusty spear. Then the ape man let out a mighty victory cry!

“AH-EE-AH-EE-AH!”

Tarzan had saved the family.



Tarzan placed Sabor's body at Kerchak's feet. He bowed in respect.



BANG!

A loud noise thundered through the jungle. The apes ran off. But Tarzan was curious and went toward the sound. He found something amazing. Creatures just like him.

“Clayton, don’t shoot!” Jane scolded. “My father and I are here to see gorillas. You’ll scare them.”

“Gorillas are wild beasts,” Clayton replied coldly.

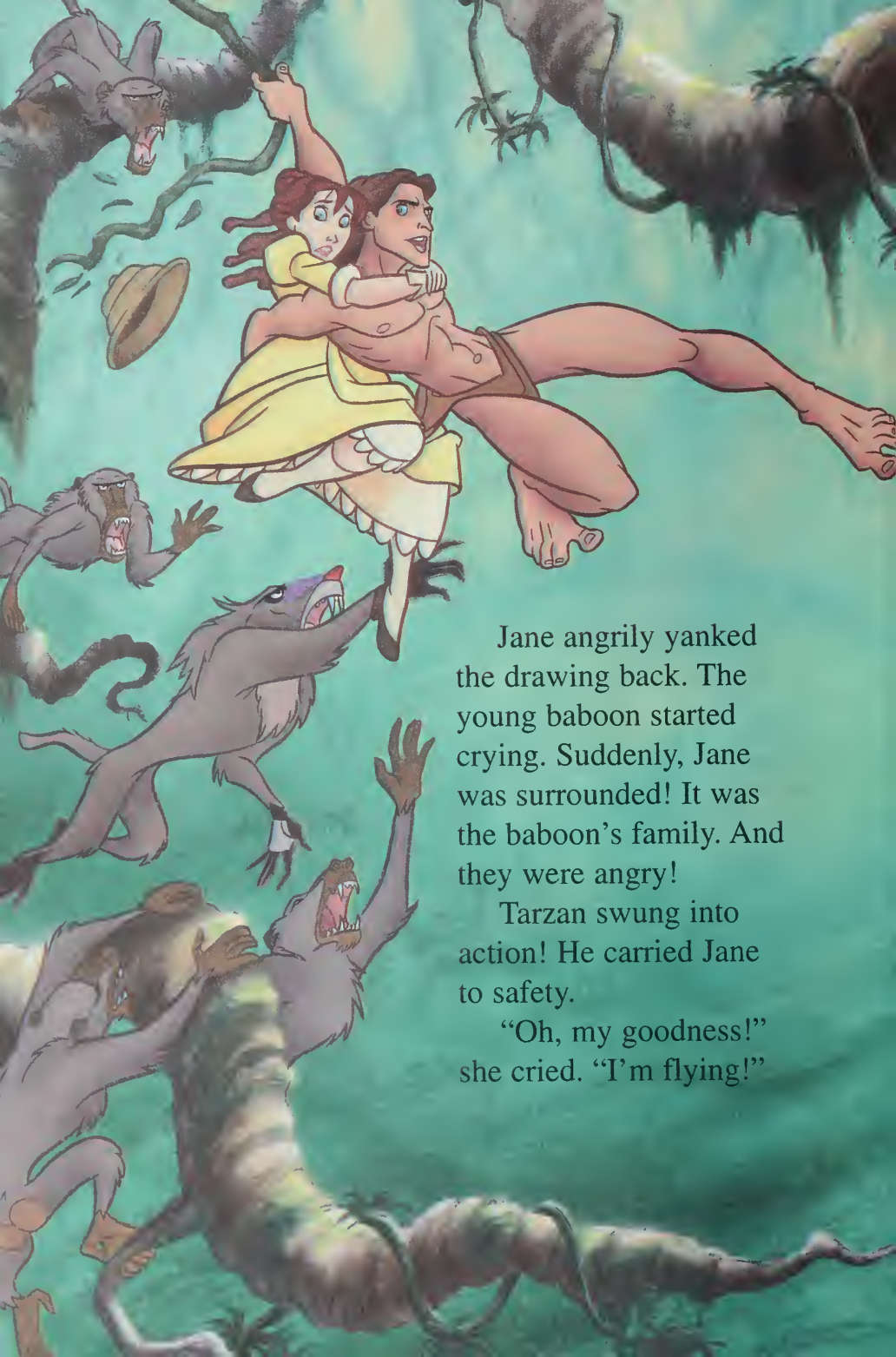
Tarzan could not take his eyes off them, especially Jane. He watched as she sketched a young baboon.

“My, you are a sweet little one,” Jane said.

The baboon stole her sketch book then ripped out pages!

“Hey, you little art thief!” Jane cried. “Give me that!”





Jane angrily yanked the drawing back. The young baboon started crying. Suddenly, Jane was surrounded! It was the baboon's family. And they were angry!

Tarzan swung into action! He carried Jane to safety.

"Oh, my goodness!" she cried. "I'm flying!"



Tarzan and Jane talked but spoke different languages. "Tarzan!" he said, pointing to himself. He was telling her his name.

"Oh, I see!" she answered.

"Oh-I-see," Tarzan repeated, pointing to Jane.

"No, no, no. I'm Jane," she corrected.

"No-no-no-Jane," Tarzan replied, still pointing.

Eventually, they worked it out and became friends.



Tarzan took Jane back to her campsite. What a mess! While the humans were out exploring, the apes were having fun.

“Hey, Tarzan!” Terk cried. “Look what we found!” Jane could not believe her eyes.

“Gorillas!” she gasped. “And he’s one of them!”





Kerchak arrived. He saw Jane. To him, she was a stranger, a danger to the family. He pounded his chest to scare her.

“Oh, my!” Jane screamed in terror.

Kerchak ordered the family to leave. Sadly, Tarzan followed them, leaving his new friend behind.

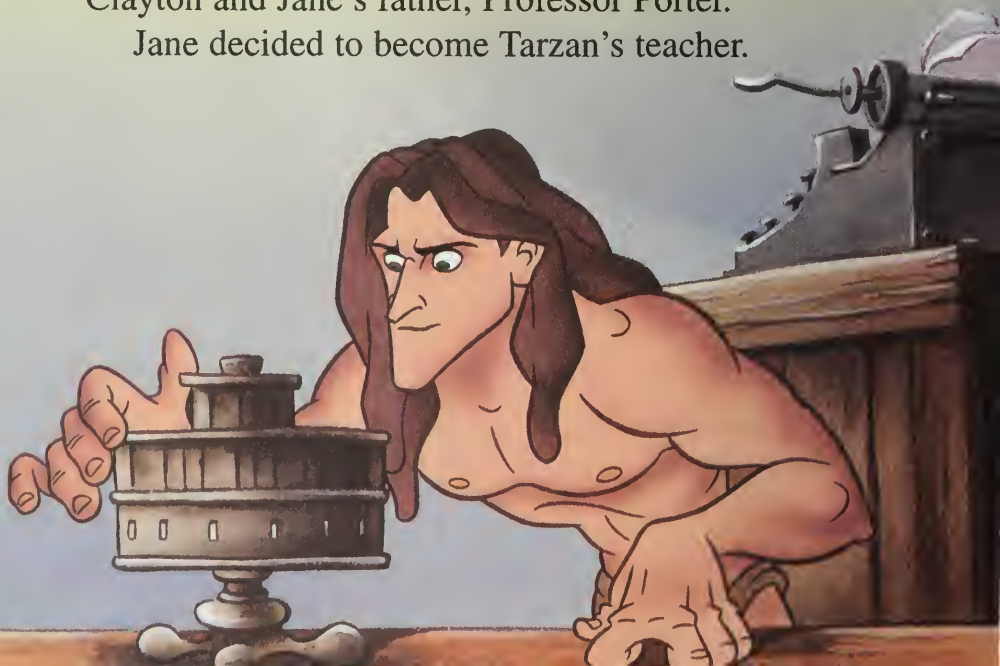




“Protect the family,” Kerchak ordered Tarzan.
“Stay away from the strangers!”

But Tarzan couldn't. He had to see Jane again.
He returned to the human camp. There, he met
Clayton and Jane's father, Professor Porter.

Jane decided to become Tarzan's teacher.



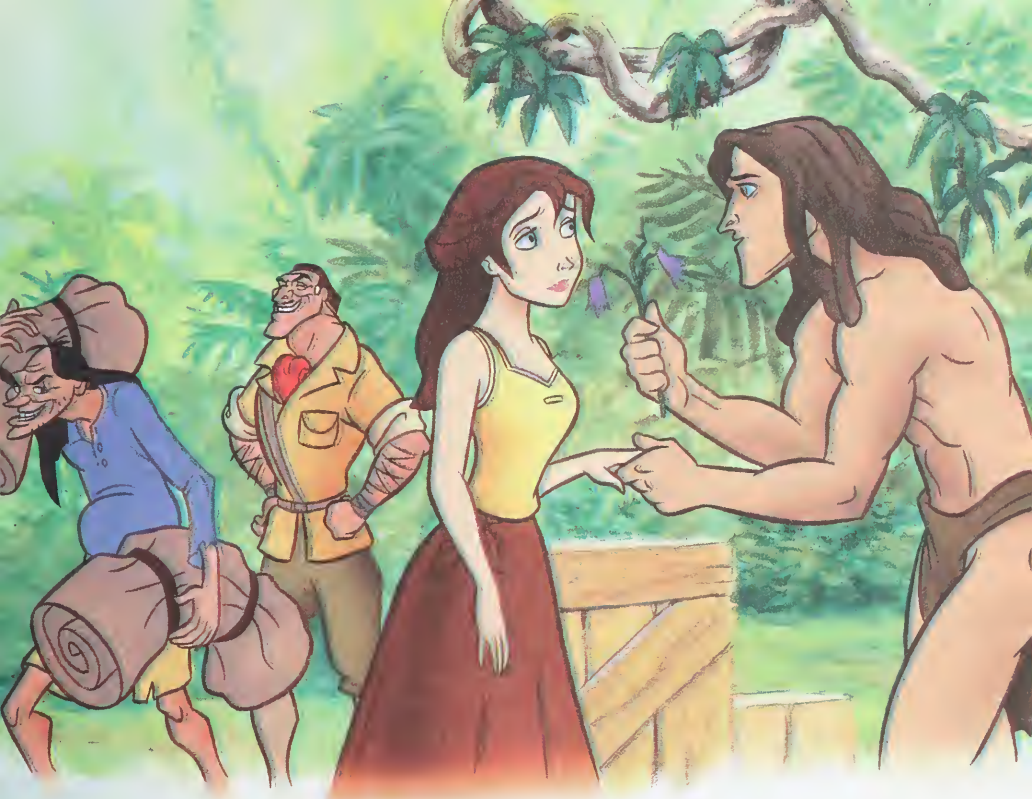


The days passed. Jane showed Tarzan books, music, and science. Tarzan learned to speak English and thrilled to the wonders of Jane's world.



And Tarzan shared his world with Jane.
He took her up into the trees. Jane saw the birds,
the animals, and the vast beauty of the wild.
She felt close to the jungle and even closer
to the jungle man.





Then something terrible happened. Tarzan learned that his human friends would soon leave, and never come back.

“Not come back?”

Tarzan asked sadly.

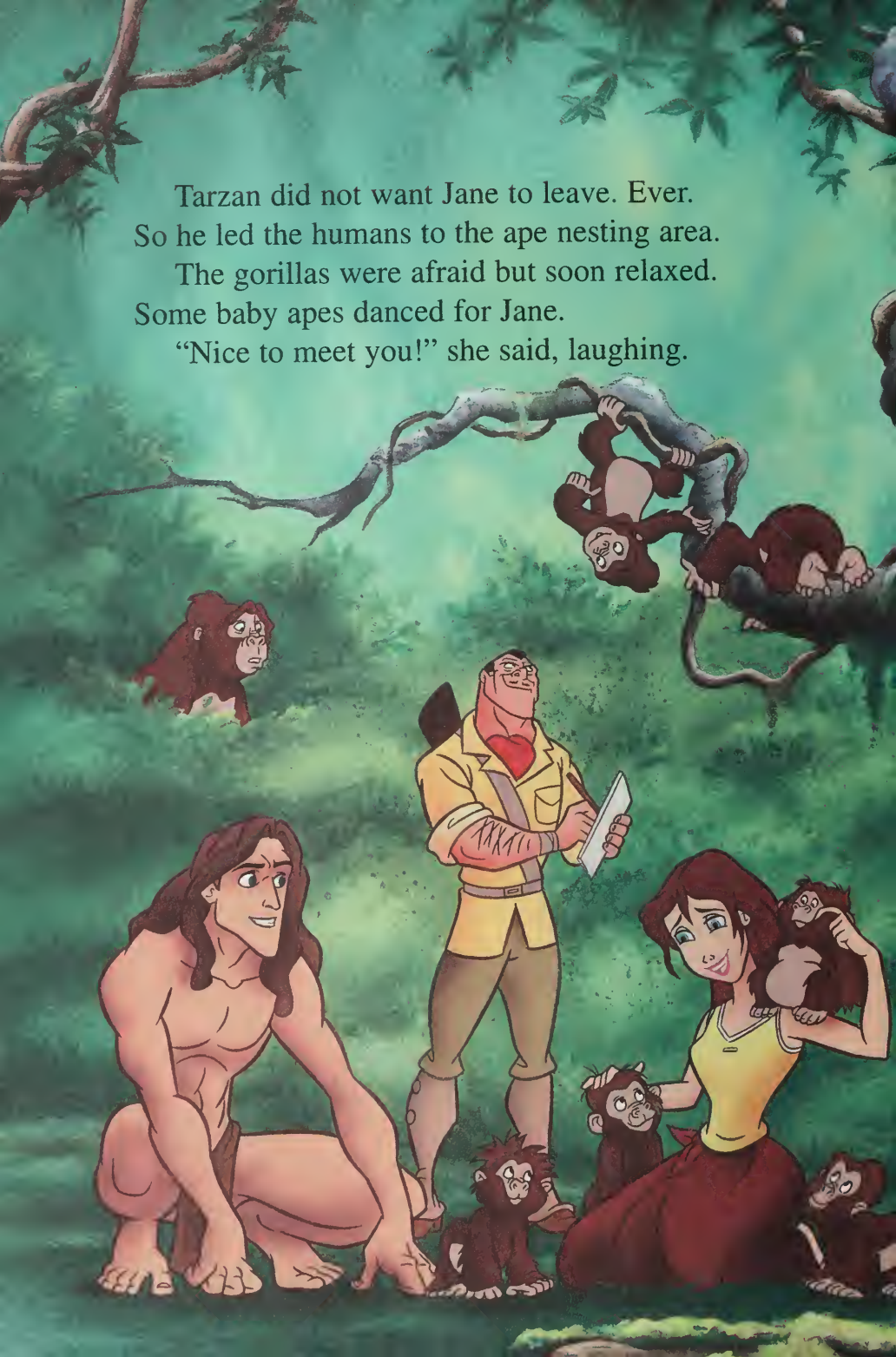
“If only we saw some gorillas,”

Clayton said.

“That is why we came.”



Tarzan did not want Jane to leave. Ever.
So he led the humans to the ape nesting area.
The gorillas were afraid but soon relaxed.
Some baby apes danced for Jane.
“Nice to meet you!” she said, laughing.



Professor Porter also made friends with the apes.
“Hello! Archimedes Q. Porter at your service,”
he said. “Uh, quite a grip you’ve got there.”
Even Clayton was pleased.
“My dream has come true,” he said slyly.





Suddenly Kerchak arrived! Clayton reached for his gun. Kerchak moved toward the humans.

“No!” Tarzan shouted. He leaped on Kerchak and held him tightly as the humans escaped.

“You betrayed our family,” Kerchak growled at Tarzan. “I knew you’d never be one of us.”



Tarzan felt awful. He had actually defied Kerchak!
“I’m so confused,” he sighed to Kala.

“Come with me,” Kala said. “There’s something
you must see.”

Kala took Tarzan to the tree house where she
had found him as a baby. There, Tarzan saw pictures
of his human family.





Tarzan decided that his real home was with humans. Tarzan dressed in his father's clothes and hugged Kala good-bye.

"You will always be my mother," he told her.

"And you will always be in my heart," she replied.

The next morning,
Jane and the others
prepared to leave.

“Oh, Tarzan!” Jane
cried, seeing him.
“I’m so glad you’re
coming!”

“Yes,” Professor
Porter added. “Jane
would not let us leave
without you.”

As they boarded
the ship, Tarzan took
one last look at his home.





But it was a trap! Once on board, Tarzan, Jane and Professor Porter were captured by Clayton and his men. Clayton tied them up.

“Why?” Tarzan asked in shock.

“For money!” the evil hunter replied.

Clayton planned to capture the gorillas and sell them.

“I couldn’t have done it without you,” he laughed.

Tarzan cried out in despair.

Meanwhile on shore, Terk and Tantor the Elephant heard their friend's anguished cry.

"That sounded like Tarzan!" Tantor cried.
"He's in trouble!"

Tantor and Terk raced to help their friend.





Back on board the ship, Tarzan and the others
were locked up below deck when...

CRASH!

Terk and Tantor burst through the ship's hull!
"Thanks, guys!" Tarzan shouted.



Tarzan ran to the hole in the ship.
“Where are you going?” Jane asked.
“To save my family!” Tarzan replied.
Then he dived into the water and
swam for shore.



Clayton and his thugs were at the nesting area. One by one, they rounded up the gorillas. Clayton spotted Kerchak and reached for his gun.

"I think this one will be better off stuffed!" he sneered.

“AH-EE-AH-EE-AH!”

Tarzan arrived to free the apes.

“You came back,” Kerchak said.

“No. I came home,” Tarzan replied.





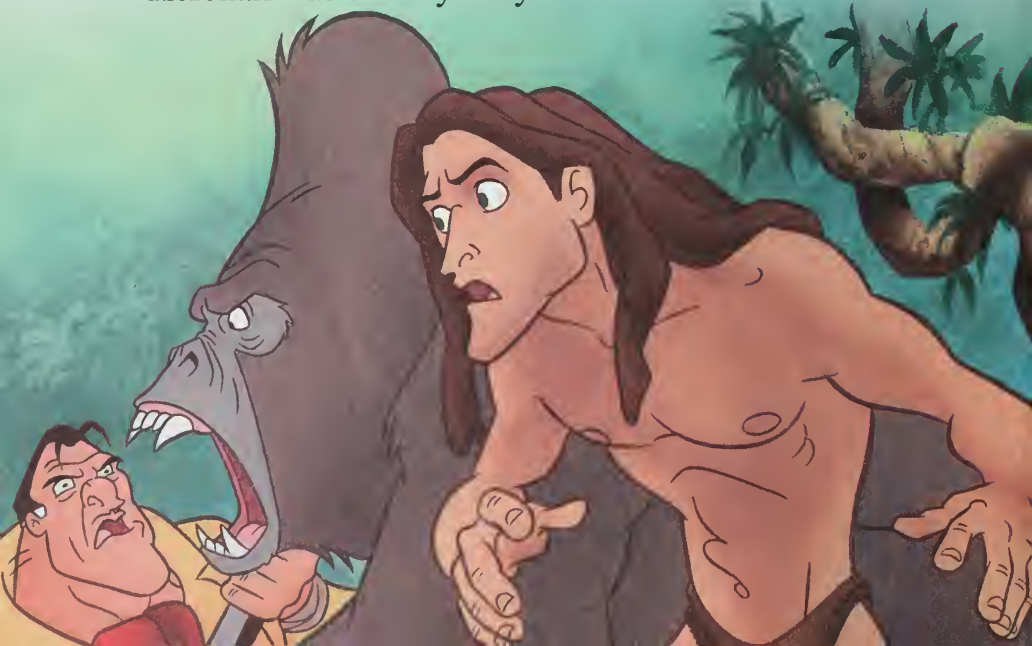
Just as Jane was freeing Kala...

BANG!

Clayton fired at Tarzan! Kerchak bravely rushed to protect Tarzan.

BANG!

Kerchak was shot by Clayton.





Clayton chased Tarzan high into the trees.
There they fought. Tarzan took the rifle.

“Go ahead. Shoot me,” Clayton teased.
“Be a man.”

Tarzan smashed the gun.

“Not a man like you,” he answered.

Clayton got tangled in the vines, and
he fell to the ground far below.



Meanwhile, Kerchak was fading fast.
Tarzan held the great ape in his arms.

"Forgive me," Tarzan said.

"No, forgive me," Kerchak gasped.

"You have always been one of us.
Take care of our family, my son..."

The next morning Jane and Professor Porter prepared to leave for England.

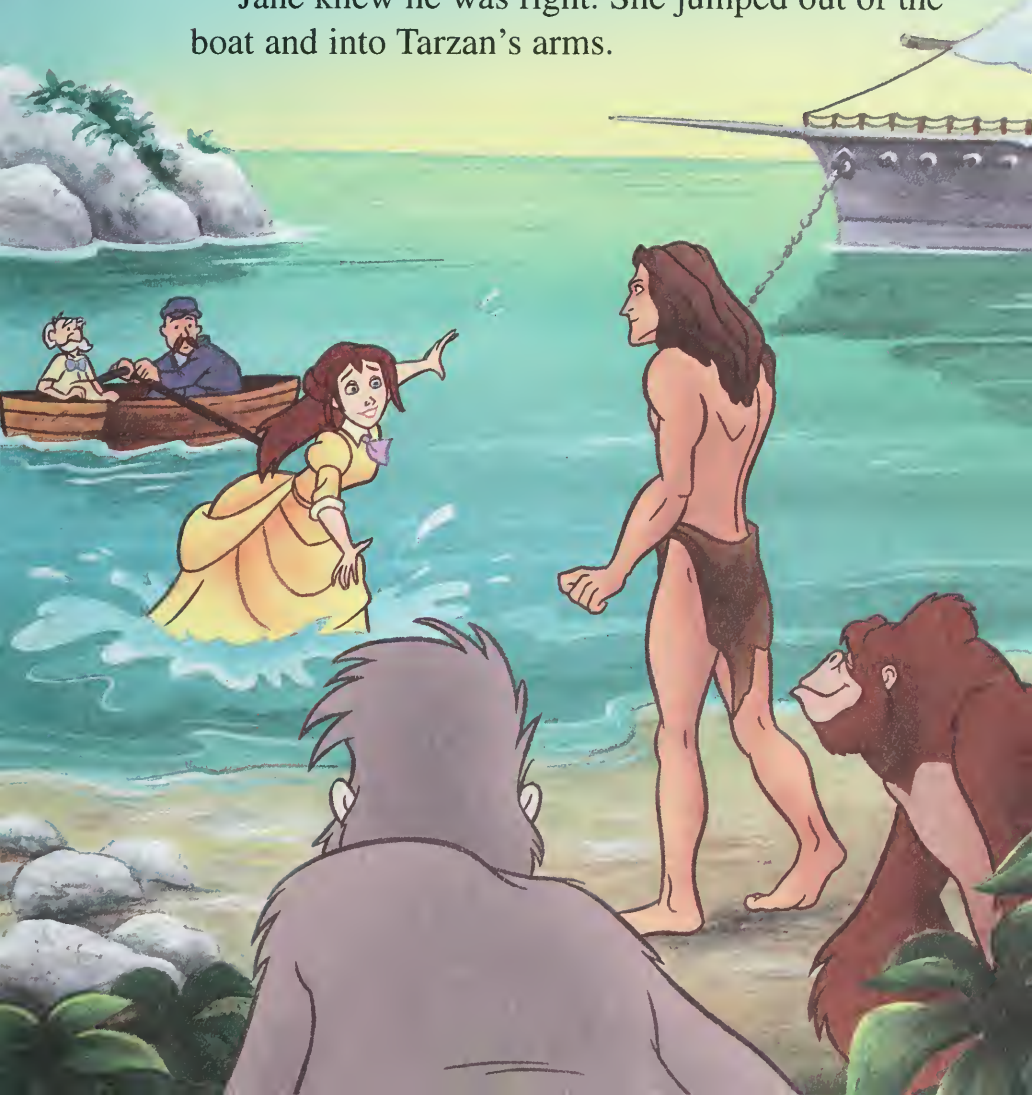
“Good-bye, Jane,” Tarzan said sadly.

“I will miss you.”

As the boat pulled away, Jane gazed longingly at Tarzan.

“Jane, I think you should stay,” Professor Porter said. “Go on. You love him.”

Jane knew he was right. She jumped out of the boat and into Tarzan’s arms.





Professor Porter also stayed. He was happy to spend his life studying gorillas. Jane was happy to be with the man she loved.



Tarzan was the happiest of all. He found his true home and family. Here in the jungle, he and Jane would live very happily ever after.





